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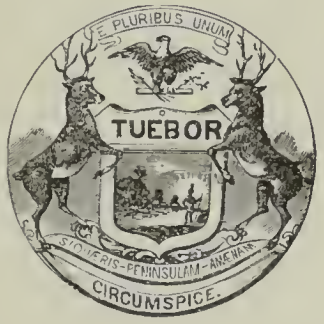


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# BOARD OF CONTROL.

T. W. CRISSEY, President, . . . . . MIDLAND.
F. H. RANKIN, Vice-President and Secretary, . . . . . FLINT.
G. W. BEMENT, Treasurer, . . . . . LANSING.

REGULAR MEETING.

Last Tuesday of each month.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Reading and Reference of Petitions and Communications.
3. Reports and Suggestions from Superintendent.
4. Executive Session.
5. Reports of Standing Committees.
6. Reports of Special Committees.
7. Auditing Claims.
8. Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.
9. Executive Session.
10. Adjournment.

OFFICERS FOR 1899–1900.

E. P. CHURCH, . . . . . SUPERINTENDENT AND STEWARD.
ANNA E. POTTER, . . . . . CLERK AND BOOKKEEPER.
MRS. ELIZA E. BUSH, . . . . . MATRON.
J. F. CAMPBELL, M. D. . . . . PHYSICIAN.
NETTIE McKENZIE, . . . . . NURSE.
CARRIE McKENNY, . . . . . JUNIOR BOYS' MATRON.

TEACHERS.

*Literary Department.*

EDWARD H. GOODRICH, LOUIE M. CHURCH, THEO JOSEPHINE WARD, EVA S. ANDREWS.

*Musical Department.*

AARON C. BLAKESLEE, Musical Director.
LEMMA M. VOORHEIS, Vocal Music.
GRACE A. BROWN, Assistant, Instrumental Music.

*Handicraft.*

MISS E. A. FOOTE, Girls' Work.
RHA CONKLIN, Broom Making.
KATHRYN WRIGHT, Cooking.
MRS. WM. TOOLAN, Hammock Netting, etc.

# OFFICERS AND EMPLOYES.

| Names. | Service. | Rate. | Term. | Residence. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| E. P. Church | Superintendent | $1,200 00 | For 12 months | Resident. |
| Mrs. Eliza E. Bush | Matron | 300 00 | " 12 " | " |
| Anna E. Potter | Clerk and bookkeeper | 500 00 | " 12 " | Non-resident. |
| Nettie McKenzie | Nurse | 20 00 | Per month | Resident. |
| Edward H. Goodrich | Principal | 400 00 | For 10 months. | " |
| Louie M. Church | First literary teacher | 300 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Theo Josephine Ward | Second " " | 225 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Eva S. Andrews | Kindergarten " | 250 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Aaron C. Blakeslee | Musical director | 700 00 | " 10 " | Non-resident. |
| Grace A. Brown | Ass't teacher instrumental music | 300 00 | " 10 " | Resident. |
| Lemma M. Voorheis | Vocal teacher | 300 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Miss E. A. Foote | Teacher sewing and girls' matron | 350 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Mrs. Wm. Toolan | Teacher hammock making | 200 00 | " 10 " | " |
| Rha Conklin | Teacher of broom-making | 500 00 | " 10 " | Non-resident. |
| B. Kathryn Wright | Teacher of cooking | 250 00 | " 10 " | Resident. |
| Carrie McKenny | Junior boys' matron | 25 00 | Per month | " |
| Alice Sadler | Seamstress | 3 00 | " week | " |
| Hattie Colby | Nurses' assistant | 3 00 | " " | " |
| Margaret Goggins | Visitors' attendant | 3 00 | " " | " |
| William Toolan | Engineer | 50 00 | " month | " |
| Edwin H. Eberhart | Fireman | 35 00 | " " | Non-resident. |
| Denis Bergin | Watchman | 35 00 | " " | " " |
| James Evans, Sr | Man-of-all-work | 37 00 | " " | " " |
| Robert McNish | Gardener | 1 25 | " day | " " |
| John Collins | Teamster | 35 00 | " month | " " |
| Albert Evans | Farm laborer | 14 00 | " " | Resident. |
| Mrs. Maggie Toolan | Cook | 6 00 | " week | " |
| Mrs. M. A. Sanford | Ass't. cook | 3 00 | " " | " |
| Mary Cooney | Baker | 3 00 | " " | " |
| Jessie Stevens | Dining room girl | 12 00 | " month | " |
| Grace Smith | " " " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Ella Cody | " " " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Lillian Goodchild | " " " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Agnes McAleer | Chambermaid | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Della Durkee | " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Mattie Grimes | " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Lina Neilson | " | 12 00 | " " | " |
| Mrs. Kate Graham | Washer woman | 22 25 | " " | Non-resident. |
| Mrs. Mary McClory | Ironing " | 22 25 | " " | " " |
| Flora Henderson | Laundry assistant | 75 | " day | " " |

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL.

To the Governor of the State of Michigan:

We herewith submit the tenth biennial report of the Michigan School for the Blind, the fourth by the Board as constituted under the law of 1893.

It is a continued source of pleasure to us that we can commend the faithful and successful work done by superintendent, teachers and other workers in the institution.

For much in the way of information and valuable suggestion we refer to the report of Superintendent E. P. Church, and we would especially emphasize, as heretofore, the suggestion that it is of vital importance that reasonable provision for the compulsory attendance of blind children at the School for the Blind should be made a part of the law of the State.

The desirability of an Industrial Home for the Blind of the State we have heretofore commented upon. The blind are at a great and serious disadvantage, in many respects, perhaps, more so than the deaf and, so far as our observation extends, and, according to information from other states, even the training given these unfortunates in the schools established for them, while making many competent to provide for themselves, leaves many yet unequal to the struggle of life, and with only the almshouse awaiting them when they go forth from the comparative comforts of the school. It has seemed to us that if the statistics of the present circumstances of the blind of this State shall sustain the opinion that they are so handicapped by their defect as to be largely subjects of public charity, the establishment by the State of a working home for such as need it should receive most careful consideration.

In such a home such work as they can do to best advantage could be provided, with appliances adapted to their condition, and by proper management the institution might be made to nearly or quite pay running expenses.

In Philadelphia such a state home is conducted on business principles; each man is paid for the work he does, at a piece rate, while his board, etc., are supplied at cost.

The use of machinery in large manufacturing establishments and the purchase of materials in large quantities at close prices have crowded many small producers to the wall, and the blind man, single handed, stands but a poor chance of success, even after he has mastered some

manufacturing trade. By uniting their efforts under the direction and assistance of the State, good results might be attained.

The State of Illinois not long ago appropriated $100,000 for the building and equipment of such an institution, and we would recommend that in Michigan, which stands in the front rank in its care for the unfortunate, the subject be carefully considered with a view to the establishment of such home or homes in the not too distant future, if the condition of the blind, the number not self supporting, be found such as to demand it. It is the aim of this Board to extend research in the direction indicated.

With great confidence in the value of physical and industrial training for the blind, we believe that the making of cane chair seats may be successfully added to the industries taught in the School. Broom-making, hammock and net making, needle work and cooking are taught with excellent results, and piano tuning continues an important specialty.

Our pleasant grounds compare, we think, favorably with those of similar institutions in other states. We have a snug well-tilled farm of forty-five acres, the portion not included in the grounds yielding abundant crops. We believe that an additional tract for pasture, etc. might be made profitable, as it would then be possible to keep a herd of cows which would be a credit to the institution and would furnish an ample supply of milk, that most healthful and nourishing food for the young children under our care. We are now compelled to purchase a portion of even a restricted supply.

On account of the advance in prices of building materials in the last two years, we have found it impossible, even after modifying our hospital plans, to secure bids for material and construction which did not considerably exceed the amount, $6,000, appropriated for the purpose by the State Legislature with your kind approval. We have therefore decided to wait until another legislative session and ask for an additional $2,000 for the hospital, which under the circumstances seems necessary.

We invite yourself and all who are charged with supervision of the great interests of the commonwealth, as well as all public spirited citizens to visit the School and examine its purpose, its workings and its expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. CRISSEY,
G. W. BEMENT,
F. H. RANKIN,
Board of Control.

Broom Shop—Superintendent's Cottage.

# APPROPRIATIONS.

Estimates of appropriations required for Michigan School for the Blind for the years 1899–1900.

*Lansing, August 28, 1900.*

*To the State Board of Corrections and Charities, Lansing, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN—I submit below the estimates of appropriations, made by the board of this institution, for the two years beginning July 1, 1901, as provided by section 2228, Compiled Laws 1897, with a statement of our expenditures for the year ending June 30, 1900.

Summary of appropriations needed for each of the two years beginning July 1, 1901:

*For Current Expenses.*

| | |
|---|---|
| First year (1901-2) | $32,700 00 |
| Second year (1902-3) | 32,700 00 |
| Total | $65,400 00 |
| Less estimated earnings | 4,000 00 |
| Appropriation needed for the two years named above | $61,400 00 |

On the basis of the following classification:

| Items. | | Estimated needs for first of above years. | Estimated needs for second of above years. (Explain differences under "note" below.) | | Amount expended during year ending June 30, 1900. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Salaries and wages | | $8,100 00 | | $8,100 00 | $8,089 48 |
| | Sub. Items. | | Sub. Items. | | |
| Superintendent | $1,200 00 | | | | |
| Physician | 225 00 | | | | |
| Chief clerk | 500 00 | | | | |
| Bookkeeper | | | | | |
| Matron | 300 00 | | | | |
| Junior boys' matron | 300 00 | | | | |
| Nurses regularly employed, not special | 300 00 | | | | |
| Visitors' attendant | 125 00 | | | | |
| Teachers (7) $400, $300, $225, $250, $700, $300, $300 | 2,475 00 | | | | |
| Watchman | 450 00 | | | | |
| Baker | 125 00 | | | | |
| Cook $300, Asst. cook $150 | 450 00 | | | | |
| Man-of-all-work | 450 00 | | | | |
| Housemaids (7) at $150 | 1,050 00 | | | | |
| Seamstress | 150 00 | | | | |

| Items. | | Estimated needs for first of above years. | Estimated needs for second of above years. (Explain differences under "note" below.) | | Amount expended during year ending June 30, 1900. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2. Food | | $7,000 00 | | $7,000 00 | $6,351 58 |
| 3. Clothing | | 1,200 00 | | 1,200 00 | 1,173 06 |
| 4. Laundry expenses | | 1,100 00 | | 1,100 00 | 1,035 02 |
| Supplies, (coal, etc.) | $500 00 | | | | |
| Labor | 600 00 | | | | |
| 5. Heating | | 3,000 00 | | 3,000 00 | 2,304 78 |
| Material | $2,400 00 | | | | |
| Labor | 600 00 | | | | |
| 6. Light | | 700 00 | | 700 00 | 633 59 |
| 7. Medical expenses | | 800 00 | | 800 00 | 717 26 |
| Supplies | $476 00 | | | | |
| Physicians (special services only) | 24 00 | | | | |
| Nurses (special services only) | 300 00 | | | | |
| 8. Stationery, printing, etc | | 400 00 | | 400 00 | 266 64 |
| 9. Amusement and instruction | | 1,500 00 | | 1,500 00 | 1,422 23 |
| 10. Household supplies | | 600 00 | | 600 00 | 507 91 |
| 11. Furniture and bedding | | 800 00 | | 800 00 | 1,380 17 |
| 12. Improvement and repairs | | 1,500 00 | | 1,500 00 | 2,563 73 |
| 13. Tools and machinery | | 200 00 | | 200 00 | 144 40 |
| 14. Farm, garden, stock and grounds | | 2,000 00 | | 2,000 00 | 2,244 52 |
| Farmers and gardeners (regularly employed; number, salary paid each) $440, $300, $150, $150, $160, $300; farm labor | $1,500 00 | | | | |
| Tools, implements, vehicles and material | 100 00 | | | | |
| Seeds and plants | 100 00 | | | | |
| Live stock | 200 00 | | | | |
| Other farm or garden expenses | 100 00 | | | | |
| 15. Freight and transportation (not otherwise classified) | | 150 00 | | 150 00 | 137 44 |
| 16. Miscellaneous expenses | | 650 00 | | 650 00 | 523 35 |
| 17. Industrial training; broom $600; sewing $400; hammock $200; cooking $250; material, broomcorn, twine, needles, machinery, sewing machines yarn, twine, etc., $1,550 | | 3,000 00 | | 3,000 00 | 3,123 01 |
| Totals | | $32,700 00 | | $32,700 00 | $32,618 17 |
| Less estimated earnings | | 2,000 00 | | 2,000 00 | |
| Appropriation needed | | $30,700 00 | | $30,700 00 | |

*General Statistics.*

| | 1899 | 1900 |
|---|---|---|
| Total number of inmates each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1900 | 114 | 121 |
| Average number of inmates each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1900 | 101 | 114 |
| Per capita cost to the State for year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1900 | $277 93 | $286 12 |

| | 1901-2 | 1902-3 |
|---|---|---|
| Estimated total number of inmates each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1903 | 130 | 135 |
| Estimated average number of inmates each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1903 | 120 | 125 |
| Estimated per capita cost to the State for each year of the biennial period ending June 30, 1903, based on "estimated needs" | $255 83 | $215 60 |

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION NEEDED.

We give below the aggregate of each; the details and items required by section 2228, Compiled Laws 1897, we submit on accompanying sheets.

Additional appropriation for hospital..... $2,000

T. W. CRISSEY,
G. W. BEMENT,
F. H. RANKIN,
Board of Control.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AND CHARITIES,
*Lansing, October 31, 1900.*

*Board of Control Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing, Mich.:*

GENTLEMEN—Your communication to the State Board of Corrections and Charities, submitting for its consideration and opinion the proposed appropriation for your institution for the years 1901 and 1902, has been received. The school has been visited and its "conditions and needs investigated." The proposed appropriations have been carefully considered, and the State Board respectfully submits herewith its opinion of the same.

Current expenses each year, $30,700..... $61,400 00

This amount, in the opinion of the State Board, will be required for maintaining the school, and is approved.

To supplement former appropriation for new hospital..... $2,000 00

The time which elapsed between that when the estimate of cost of this building was made and when the appropriation for it was available, was such that the cost of material and labor had greatly advanced far beyond the amount of the appropriation, and are still so high that the former appropriation will not pay for the building contemplated, which, in the opinion of the State Board, warrants this request for appropriation, and it is approved. The Board would, however, recommend that, if the appropriation is granted, your board readvertise for bids, and that, too, in all the principal daily papers of the State.

Yours respectfully,
GEO. D. GILLESPIE,
*Chairman.*

L. C. STORRS,
*Secretary.*

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Board of Control, Michigan School for the Blind:

Gentlemen—Herewith I hand you the tenth biennial report of this institution, the fourth under the present management.

The fiscal year closes with this date, the academic year was completed the 19th inst.

The first year of this period, 1898-9, 114 pupils were connected with the school. During the school year just finished 124 were enrolled. This is the largest number in attendance in one year in the history of the school. During the biennial period 141 different pupils have been in attendance, 31 of whom had never before been members of the institution.

The number of persons seeking admittance to the school is constantly, though not rapidly, increasing.

The course of instruction is essentially the same as at the time of my last report. Undoubtedly the object of this school should be to make good citizens of the boys and girls enjoying its privileges. The requisites of good citizenship are these: good moral character, intelligence, and the greatest possible ability to produce those things that are essential to comfortable, honorable living in civilized society.

For this reason we give unsectarian, undenominational instruction in common ethics. We believe that a good academic education is the necessary foundation for good, intelligent citizenship, as well as for the highest type of productive ability in any mechanical art or literary calling. Hence we have a course of study comparing favorably with those of the best high schools of the State. Indeed our curriculum includes some of the branches not required in the best city high schools, because our pupils will not have access to libraries, after their graduation, containing treatises on some subjects of first importance to every intelligent citizen, in print that they can read for themselves.

I am of the opinion that we do well to instruct our pupils in as many mechanical arts and forms of handicraft as they can successfully use. It is not improbable that we ought to teach our young men, particularly, some forms of simple handicraft not heretofore introduced into this school. Self helpfulness, support, and independence are qualifications earnestly to be sought by all.

It gives me pleasure to state that in literary work and handicraft our pupils make most gratifying progress, and their attainments are the surprise and admiration of visitors.

In the Broom Shop
Stereotype Making

An arrangement has been made by which some of our more advanced students may take certain studies in the city high school. Their standing in their classes has been such that they have received the highest commendation for excellence in scholarship. Their preparation for recitation was made by listening to reading by some of our teachers. I have assurance from the authorities of our State University that if any of our graduates wish to enter that institution favorable consideration will be given to a diploma granted by this school.

### THE BROOM SHOP

is the most remunerative department of our handicraft. The output from the shop has been 950 dozen brooms since July 1, 1899, all of which find ready sale at a good price. The sales during the year have amounted to $1,330.

### BOOK MAKING

in the Braille system of embossed print continues to be a very important part of our work. We have adopted the plan of sending all our stereotyped plates to the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, Ky., as soon as we have printed an edition sufficient for our own immediate use. By this means other schools can order books from our plates and secure the benefit of our labors.

It will be a matter of interest to the patrons of the school to know that initiatory steps have been taken to provide more adequate appliances for the physical culture of our pupils. What we have at present we trust is but the beginning of a more complete and satisfactory provision for the needs of the school in this direction.

The health of the school is an unceasing cause of solicitude to all having positions of responsibility in our work. We are exposed to all the various forms of contagious diseases. A favoring providence, a skilful family physician, a competent, painstaking nurse, and ceaseless vigilance on the part of all in authority have all combined to avert a great calamity.

During the seven years of the present administration there has been but one death at the school. This resulted from typhoid fever. During the school year just completed we have had more than fifty cases of measles, whooping cough and chicken pox. All were successfully treated, though some of the cases of whooping cough were exceptionally severe. We need a separate hospital building, where cases of contagion and suspects may be isolated from the general school. All the most approved methods of sanitation within our reach are constantly employed. The summer vacations are spent in fumigating, disinfecting, purifying and sterilizing.

The amount appropriated by the last legislature to construct a separate hospital proved inadequate for the purpose, and no beginning has been made. It is to be hoped that a supplementary appropriation will be made by the next legislature so that better hospital accommodations may be provided.

I feel that I should be remiss in duty were I to make no mention of a subject urged in my last report. This is a

### HOME FOR ADULT BLIND.

The number of persons in this class is constantly increasing, the condition of many is pitiable. Many have lost their sight after having passed the meridian of an active life, and the prospect of sinking into a condition of inactive pauperism in some county poor house is worse than death to them. Numbers of them would cheerfully engage in some form of manual labor, adapted to their ability, for the pleasure of occupation. An institution of this sort could be made to contribute largely to its own support from the results of the labor of those connected with it

The position that this school holds in the public estimation is worthy of brief consideration.

The point that I wish to make is this; the School for the Blind is an educational institution with pupils, and not an "Asylum with inmates." Every intelligent child in Michigan is entitled to be educated by the State, whether he have vision or be deprived of it. The fact that the blind are congregated in one place, and boarded while attending school is merely a matter of economy and convenience. The further fact that they do not pay the full cost of their education does not constitute a valid ground for reckoning them as objects of charity. No parent or pupil in high school or State University ordinarily pays the full cost of educating his child. No student in our Normal Schools returns to the State the full cost of his education. And yet these State schools are not classified as charitable institutions, nor are the students in them esteemed as paupers. Is it not a sufficient affliction to be blind without having the further disqualification attached, or implied, of being a pauper?

Ought not the good people of this noble State to take the ground that the School for the Blind is an educational institution and classify it as such, under its own excellent Board of Control, as at present, out of deference to the feelings of self respect of the young people who are pupils in it?

### COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

It is undoubtedly still true, as in the past, that there are more blind persons of school age in this State not availing themselves of the privileges of this school than are enrolled in it. For the sake of these boys and girls themselves, for the sake of the public welfare and good government, this condition of things should be changed. A law making the education of the blind compulsory within reasonable limits, and with appropriate penalties for those causing or permitting the neglect, would be eminently wholesome.

It is with genuine pleasure that I express to the members of the board collectively the appreciation felt by myself and associate workers for the uniform courtesy, kindness, and genial good cheer that you each individually bring with you to the school. We feel encouraged in our work by your visits, the heavy load of care is often lifted by your presence and sympathetic counsel.

I think it is the unanimous opinion of all holding positions of responsi-

Stereotyping in the Book-Embossing Department of the Michigan School for the Blind, Lansing.

bility in the school that the year just closed has been the most harmonious, satisfactory, and abundant in good results known by us since our connection with the work.

I gladly avail myself of this opportunity to express to the various railroads of this State my own personal thanks, and those of all the pupils of the school and their parents, for the many favors received from them. For reduced fares, special care of our pupils enroute between their homes and the school, for unnumbered courtesies on many occasions they are entitled to our special acknowledgment.

The following named periodicals have been sent to us gratuitously during the biennial period and the publishers hereby receive our hearty thanks:

Detroit Tribune.
Lansing Journal.
Midland Republican.
Industrial Enterprise.
Colorado Index.
The Mirror.
State Republican.
Detroit Journal.
North Lansing Record.
Ingham County News.
The Institution News.
The Tablet.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. CHURCH, Supt.

Lansing, Mich., June 30, 1900.

# COURSE OF STUDY.

## FIRST GRADE.

READING.—Teach alphabet thoroughly; spelling, combination of words into sentences; First Reader; some supplementary work.

NUMBERS.—Addition and subtraction taught together; Multiplication and division taught together; Teach all combinations to 10.

LANGUAGE.—No technical grammar taught; Correct errors in expression, in pronunciation, etc.

LANGUAGE.—No technical grammar taught; correct errors in expression, in prowork as well as circumstances and age of pupils will admit.

MUSIC.—Under direction of teacher.

WORK.—At direction of teacher.

NOTE TO TEACHER.—The alphabet teaching is the Braille system.

## SECOND GRADE.

READING.—Second Reader, with supplementary work during year.

SPELLING.—From reader.

NUMBERS.—Combinations to 20. Multiplication table begun. Do rapid work.

LANGUAGE.—Same as first grade with addition of reproduction of things read as stories, etc.

GEOGRAPHY.—Points of compass, distances.

MUSIC.—Under direction of teacher.

WRITING.—With Braille slate.

WORK.—Dictation of teacher.

NOTE TO TEACHER.—This grade should read a First (supplementary) Reader and a Second or two Second Readers during the year.

## THIRD GRADE.

READING.—Third Reader, with variations from supplementary reader.

SPELLING.—From reader, etc. Oral and written.

NUMBERS.—Multiplication table to 12 × 12, completed and clinched. Operations in four ground rules, blended with work.

LANGUAGE.—Stories reproduced in clear and concise language, with accurate descriptions.

GEOGRAPHY.—Townships, with divisions into sections. Counties, State.

WRITING.—With Braille slate.

MUSIC.—Under direction of music teacher.

WORK.—Manual training.

GYMNASIUM.

## FOURTH GRADE.

READING.—Third Reader completed and supplementary work done.

SPELLING.—From reader and other assigned work; oral and written.

NUMBERS.—Intellectual Arithmetic; work in four ground rules taken from some

Kindergarten.

good text book, *e. g.*, Stoddard's; Slate work: Long Division mastered; Tables of weights and measures learned.

LANGUAGE.—Th sentence studied and learned; Subject; Predicate; Parts of speech; Exercises in composition.

GEOGRAPHY.—Map of Michigan studied and other work.

WRITING.—In Braille and New York point; Pupils should learn "line letters."

MUSIC.—Under direction of teacher.

WORK.—Some form of handicraft.

GYMNASIUM.

## FIFTH GRADE.

### GRAMMAR GRADE.

READING.—Fourth Reader and supplementary work. Begin reading poetry some and committing to memory for recitation; also choice prose.

SPELLING.—From Speller.

ARITHMETIC.—Strong work in Intellectual Arithmetic, as Stoddard's, with slate work throughout the year.

LANGUAGE.—Study begun with text-book in hands of teacher as guide—and pupils too, if possible.

WRITING.—Typewriter.

MUSIC.—Same as last year.

WORK.—Handicraft.

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## SIXTH GRADE.

READING.—Reader and assigned work: If possible, read much supplementary work as Evangeline. and other selected poetical and prose works.

SPELLING.—From Speller, etc.; from all text-books, oral and written.

ARITHMETIC.—Regular practical work from some good text.

GRAMMAR.—From text.

GEOGRAPHY.—From text. Completed.

WRITING.—Typewriter and slates.

MUSIC.

WORK.

RECREATION or gymnasium.

NOTE.—All pupils should be taught to read all forms of embossed print, so far as possible.

## SEVENTH GRADE.

READING.—Assigned work.

ARITHMETIC.—Completed.

GRAMMAR.—Completed.

PHYSIOLOGY.—Two-thirds year.

BOTANY.—One-third year.

U. S. HISTORY.—One-third year.

## EIGHTH GRADE.

ALGEBRA.

GENERAL HISTORY.

ZOÖLOGY.—One-half year.

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY.—One-half year.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT.—One-half year.

ASTRONOMY.—One-half year.

## HIGH SCHOOL COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.—Algebra; General History; Zoölogy, one-half year; Physical Geography, one-half year; Civil Government, one-half year; Astronomy, one-half year.

SECOND YEAR.—Algebra; Physics; Chemistry, one-third year; Political Economy; one-third year; Mental Philosophy, one-third year.

THIRD YEAR.—Geometry; Literature, English and American; Rhetoric, two-thirds year; Moral Science, one-third year.

Rhetorical exercises throughout course.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(See Sec. 3, Act No. 123, Public Acts of 1893.)

The object of this institution is, it is believed, to fit pupils as far as may be for useful citizenship. A good citizen possesses a good moral character, intelligence, and the ability, in part at least, to support himself.

The school authorities aim to make prominent such instruction as will tend to secure these desired qualifications. As a means to this end, it is believed that the following are requisite:

1. A system of discipline that promotes regularity of habits and secures the exercise of self control.

2. A course or study, practical as well as comprehensive, that will develop the powers of thought and educate the pupils.

3. Such care of the body as will result in the best muscular and physical development: this being attained by learning and practicing some useful and remunerative handicraft, together with such an amount of recreation as may be possible, not only in the gymnasium but as well in the open air on the grounds. For these reasons a system of instruction which combines the teaching of ethics, intellectual training and hand labor in the shops or work room is adopted, in all of which each pupil will be required to take part according to his ability.

The Board of Control will arrange the course of study for all pupils connected with the school. It shall comprehend a period of twelve years, and shall be arranged in twelve grades, each grade being intended to require one school year's work of an average pupil. A supplemental course of two years or grades may also be arranged for the benefit of advanced and worthy pupils, but the privilege of pursuing such advanced course shall in every case be entirely subject to the discretion of the Board of Control.

The course of study shall not be altered or amended without the authority of the board.

The boys will be assigned times for systematic exercise in the gymnasium and grounds, and regular periods for work in the shop.

The girls will be expected to take part in work assigned them in the sewing room and elsewhere as well as gymnasium practice.

The work and exercise of both boys and girls will be under the supervision of a regular teacher, and will form a part of the daily program.

## DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The superintendent shall maintain a proper degree of discipline in the institution, buildings, grounds, premises and in the school rooms at all times. As far as may be the school shall in all respects be conducted so as to resemble a well-ordered and well-conducted home.

The superintendent shall frequently call the teachers together for purposes of conference, instruction, advice and common counsel.

It shall also be his duty to personally inspect the work of all the teachers employed at the school and make such recommendations to the Board of Control as may be pertinent in regard to the work of each teacher.

He will promptly report to the board any defect, fault, omission or neglect of duty on the part of any teacher, officer, or other employe of the board.

Dining Room
Chapel
Geography Room

The result of an examination to be made by or under the direction of the superintendent will determine the standing of pupils, and the superintendent shall, in writing, assign each to his proper grade.

Promotions, or transfers to lower grades, may be made at any time by the superintendent, and he shall keep a record thereof.

In case any pupil or pupils may be insubordinate or disobedient, the superintendent may inflict or direct the infliction of such penalties and corrective measures as are deemed wholesome in the public schools in this State. In case of persistent or serious disobedience he may, in his discretion, suspend pupils from any one or more of the privileges of the school for a stated period; in like cases, with the advice and concurrence of the resident member of the board, he may exclude any pupil or pupils from such privileges for an indefinite time. All cases in which he recommends expulsion shall be referred to and decided by the board at any regular or special meeting.

The superintendent shall do and perform such duties as may be from time to time required by the Board of Control.

### DUTIES OF TEACHERS.

Teachers will be required to give their whole time to the school, to this end they will board and make their home at the institution, except when a special agreement is made.

They will teach such classes, read to pupils evenings, oversee pupils out of school hours, and do such other work incident to their employment as may be directed by the superintendent. They will spend their nights, Saturdays and Sundays at the school, except as they may be excused by special arrangement with the superintendent, all leaves of absence granted to be recorded in a book to be kept for such purpose and reported by him to the Board of Control.

All teachers are expected to loyally devote themselves to the highest interest of the school and unselfishly to give their best strength to promote its success: to avoid all appearance of rivalry, envy, jealousy or evil speaking among themselves, and especially in the presence of pupils. Gossiping, forming cliques or parties among themselves, or with pupils are each to be studiously avoided. Teachers will meet with the superintendent whenever by him required to do so for the purpose of conferring with him, and will be required to meet with the superintendent at such stated intervals as he may determine for the purpose of conference, instruction, advice and common counsel.

Prompt attendance at the classes, places of duty and meals will be required of each teacher.

All teachers, attendants and employes are strictly forbidden to demand, solicit, suggest, accept or receive any fee, gift, present or gratuity from any visitor, pupil, guardian or other person, and under no circumstances will this be tolerated.

Each teacher will promptly report to the superintendent any infraction or violation of the rules, breaches of decorum or anything affecting the good name of the school.

### DUTIES OF PUPILS.

All persons admitted to any department of the school as pupils are required to yield a prompt, cheerful and courteous obedience to all the rules and regulations of the institution, and also to such written rules and oral directions as may be found necessary from time to time.

All are required to be respectful to all teachers and employes at all times, to be kind, and helpful to each other, to wholly and absolutely abstain from the use of improper, indecent and profane language at all times.

Pupils will not be permitted to leave the school premises at any time, by night or by day, without permission of the superintendent, or in his absence his authorized representative, previously obtained.

Under no circumstances will pupils be permitted to visit those of the opposite sex in their rooms.

Tobacco in any of its forms, intoxicating liquors of all kinds, objectionable games and all pernicious books will be considered contraband and subject to seizure by the school authorities.

Pupils are required to walk quietly up and down the stairs and in the halls, to

avoid noisy or boisterous talking or conduct, and scuffling, wrestling, or unseemly disorder in all buildings and rooms.

All pupils are required to respond promptly to all signals.

Meals will be served only in the dining room, except in cases of serious illness.

Pupils are required to render at all times the same obedience and respect to the suggestions and directions of teachers in charge at any time or place, as they would accord to the superintendent under like circumstances.

Possession by the pupils of any matches, false keys, lock-picks or fire-arms will subject such pupils to immediate suspension and subsequent expulsion.

Correspondence between those of different sexes in the school is forbidden. Letters addressed to any pupil not known to be from the parents, guardians, or immediate relatives of such pupil may be suppressed by the school authorities.

Sewing Room.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

## MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

IN ACCOUNT WITH G. W. BEMENT, TREASURER.

| Date. | | Dr. | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1898 | | | |
| July 1..... | Balance | $1,882 93 | ..... |
| " 11..... | Cash from State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 30..... | " " superintendent | 166 13 | ..... |
| Aug. 31.... | " " " | 47 00 | ..... |
| Sept. 30.... | " " " | 155 39 | ..... |
| " 30.... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 30.... | " " " " county charges | 1,294 49 | ..... |
| Oct. 31..... | " " superintendent | 53 65 | ..... |
| Nov. 30.... | " " " | 533 17 | ..... |
| " 30.... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| Dec. 23.... | " " " " | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 31.... | " " superintendent | 110 35 | ..... |
| 1899. | | | |
| Jan'y 7.... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 31.... | " " superintendent | 26 75 | ..... |
| " 27.... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 31.... | " " superintendent | 125 68 | ..... |
| Feb'y 28... | " " " | 89 25 | ..... |
| " 28... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| March 29.. | " " superintendent | 227 59 | ..... |
| " 29.. | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| April 26.... | " " superintendent | 58 10 | ..... |
| May 23..... | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | ..... |
| " 31..... | " " superintendent | 238 28 | ..... |
| June 30.... | " " " | 202 81 | ..... |
| 1898. | | | |
| July 28..... | Cash paid disbursements current expense | ..... | $1,235 32 |
| " 28..... | " " " industrial equipment | ..... | 15 00 |
| Aug. 31.... | " " " current expense | ..... | 1,350 21 |
| Sept. 28.... | " " " " " | ..... | 2,546 10 |
| Oct. 29..... | " " " " " | ..... | 1,925 92 |
| Nov. 29.... | " " " " " | ..... | 4,204 15 |
| Dec. 31.... | " " " " " | ..... | 3,938 02 |
| 1899. | | | |
| Jan'y 30... | " " " " " | ..... | 1,864 50 |
| Feb'y 28... | " " " " " | ..... | 2,285 29 |
| March 29.. | " " " " " | ..... | 3,087 50 |
| April 26... | " " " " " | ..... | 1,874 99 |
| May 31..... | " " " " " | ..... | 1,931 39 |
| June 30.... | " " " " " | ..... | 3,558 17 |
| " 30.... | Balance | ..... | 595 01 |
| Total..... | | $30,411 57 | $30,411 57 |

## MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

IN ACCOUNT WITH G. W. BEMENT, TREASURER.—CONTINUED.

| Date. | | Dr. | Cr. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1899. | | | |
| July 1 | Balance | $595 01 | |
| " 31 | Cash from superintendent | 286 51 | |
| " 14 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| Aug. 24 | " " " " | 2,800 00 | |
| " 31 | " " superintendent | 143 97 | |
| Sept. 27 | " " " | 40 50 | |
| " 27 | " " State county charges | 1,658 20 | |
| " 27 | " " " | 2,800 00 | |
| Oct. 31 | " " superintendent | 120 87 | |
| Nov. 2 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| " 29 | " " superintendent | 119 17 | |
| Dec. 8 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| " 28 | " " " " | 2,800 00 | |
| " 30 | " " superintendent | 197 11 | |
| 1900. | | | |
| Jan'y 30 | " " " | 129 54 | |
| Feb'y 6 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| " 27 | " " superintendent | 90 77 | |
| " 28 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| March 27 | " " superintendent | 320 03 | |
| April 7 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| " 7 | " " superintendent | 299 17 | |
| May 29 | " " State Treasurer | 2,800 00 | |
| " 29 | " " superintendent | 217 58 | |
| June 28 | " " " | 226 38 | |
| " 29 | " " State Treasurer | 2,915 00 | |
| 1899. | | | |
| July 31 | Cash paid disbursements current expense | | $939 94 |
| " 31 | " " " " " " | | 1,327 75 |
| Aug. 31 | " " " " " " | | 260 55 |
| " 31 | " " " " " " | | 1,490 60 |
| Sept. 27 | " " " " " " | | 1,958 67 |
| Oct. 31 | " " " " " " | | 4,489 90 |
| Nov. 29 | " " " " " " | | 2,928 77 |
| Dec. 30 | " " " " " " | | 3,683 99 |
| 1900. | | | |
| Jan'y 31 | " " " " " " | | 3,051 44 |
| " 31 | " " " hospital, industrial equipment | | 68 75 |
| Feb'y 27 | " " " current expense | | 2,307 33 |
| March 28 | " " " " " " | | 3,135 05 |
| April 7 | " " " " " " | | 2,466 08 |
| May 29 | " " " " " " | | 2,270 35 |
| June 30 | " " " " " " | | 3,979 08 |
| " 30 | Balance | | 1,301 56 |
| Total | | $35,659 81 | $35,659 81 |

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| | 1898. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July. | | August. | | September. | | October. | | November. | | December. | |
| | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. |
| Salaries and wages | $339 26 | ..... | $289 95 | ..... | $670 59 | ..... | $646 17 | ..... | $716 36 | ..... | $786 96 | ..... |
| Food | 216 18 | ..... | 108 28 | ..... | 424 57 | $1 21 | 545 51 | ..... | 1,119 08 | ..... | 494 01 | ..... |
| Clothing | 85 | ..... | 16 12 | $3 00 | 216 58 | 1 40 | 83 54 | ..... | 302 70 | ..... | 120 25 | $1 65 |
| Laundry | 42 55 | ..... | 36 32 | ..... | 10 81 | ..... | 53 59 | ..... | 108 31 | $1 50 | 117 01 | ..... |
| Heating | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 385 37 | ..... | 429 44 | ..... |
| Light | 23 75 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 164 85 | ..... | 76 35 | ..... | 82 06 | ..... | 101 66 | ..... |
| Medical supplies | 25 40 | ..... | 5 38 | ..... | 16 38 | ..... | 22 91 | ..... | 46 32 | ..... | 25 30 | ..... |
| Stationery, printing, etc | 81 50 | ..... | 10 72 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 14 25 | ..... | 25 64 | ..... | 61 55 | ..... |
| Amusement and instruction | 56 96 | ..... | 15 63 | 2 00 | 100 40 | 15 00 | 62 41 | ..... | 188 01 | 1 48 | 1,005 84 | 48 90 |
| Household supplies | 31 43 | ..... | 37 40 | ..... | 106 52 | ..... | 7 26 | $3 00 | 36 16 | ..... | 55 03 | ..... |
| Furniture and bedding | 42 15 | ..... | 3 25 | ..... | 180 38 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 63 75 | 2 11 | 2 53 | ..... |
| Implements and repairs | 143 41 | ..... | 508 09 | ..... | 72 34 | ..... | 84 67 | ..... | 168 11 | ..... | 311 92 | ..... |
| Tools and machinery | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 38 51 | ..... | 23 76 | ..... | 1 02 | ..... | 27 75 | ..... |
| Farm, garden, stock and grounds | 132 31 | $71 40 | 164 63 | 2 00 | 274 10 | 106 68 | 93 62 | ..... | 412 23 | 432 18 | 99 81 | ..... |
| Freight and transportation | 15 42 | 2 63 | 3 23 | ..... | 10 86 | ..... | 1 65 | ..... | 14 90 | 1 40 | 61 81 | ..... |
| Miscellaneous | 3 75 | 2 00 | 45 66 | ..... | 26 54 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 72 69 | ..... | 87 50 | ..... |
| Industrial training | 25 40 | 90 10 | 26 80 | 40 00 | 122 67 | 31 10 | 155 23 | 50 65 | 443 06 | 94 50 | 149 65 | 59 80 |
| Total disbursements | $1,235 32 | ..... | $1,350 21 | ..... | $2,546 10 | ..... | $1,925 92 | ..... | $4,185 77 | ..... | $3,938 02 | ..... |
| Total receipts | ..... | $166 13 | ..... | $47 00 | ..... | $155 39 | ..... | $53 65 | ..... | $533 17 | ..... | $110 35 |

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| | 1899. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | January. | | February. | | March. | | April. | | May. | | June. | | Disbursements. | Receipts. |
| | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | | |
| Salaries and wages | $680 09 | $0 65 | $690 91 | ..... | $663 47 | ..... | $670 78 | ..... | $671 81 | ..... | $665 33 | ..... | $7,491 68 | $0 65 |
| Food | 344 80 | 40 | 371 29 | $1 60 | 504 04 | ..... | 374 15 | ..... | 469 77 | ..... | 294 28 | ..... | 5,265 96 | 3 21 |
| Clothing | 77 44 | ..... | 57 88 | 1 20 | 142 05 | $0 35 | 139 82 | $1 00 | 80 77 | $39 92 | 131 75 | $3 73 | 1,369 75 | 52 25 |
| Laundry | 52 47 | ..... | 123 32 | ..... | 50 75 | ..... | 77 19 | ..... | 58 82 | ..... | 76 77 | ..... | 807 91 | 1 50 |
| Heating | 55 04 | ..... | 473 00 | ..... | 524 79 | ..... | 140 61 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 2,338 25 | ..... |
| Light | 65 61 | ..... | 93 42 | ..... | 102 05 | ..... | 38 02 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 28 75 | ..... | 824 02 | ..... |
| Medical supplies | 18 19 | ..... | 46 66 | 90 | 135 18 | ..... | 12 96 | ..... | 48 31 | ..... | 112 48 | ..... | 515 47 | 90 |
| Stationery, printing, etc | 38 00 | ..... | 41 22 | ..... | 12 00 | 2 00 | 10 25 | ..... | 14 00 | ..... | 33 80 | ..... | 397 93 | 2 00 |
| Amusement and instruction | 114 27 | 30 00 | 49 92 | ..... | 341 53 | 90 00 | 52 79 | 4 26 | 72 48 | 1 00 | 140 27 | 2 00 | 2,200 51 | 194 64 |
| Household supplies | 92 82 | ..... | 24 40 | ..... | 10 60 | ..... | 38 99 | ..... | 8 47 | ..... | 6 09 | ..... | 455 17 | 3 00 |
| Furniture and bedding | 37 75 | ..... | 21 70 | ..... | 28 80 | ..... | 5 01 | ..... | 5 00 | ..... | 11 03 | ..... | 401 35 | 2 11 |
| Improvements and repairs | 47 87 | ..... | 12 99 | ..... | 2 70 | ..... | 34 16 | ..... | 2 62 | ..... | 25 57 | ..... | 1,411 45 | ..... |
| Tools and machinery | 7 25 | ..... | 8 44 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 76 | ..... | 13 58 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 125 07 | ..... |
| Farm, garden, stock and grounds | 60 76 | 46 08 | 58 85 | ..... | 51 48 | 92 02 | 77 63 | ..... | 197 30 | ..... | 160 45 | ..... | 1,783 17 | 750 36 |
| Freight and transportation | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 34 | ..... | 20 07 | ..... | 12 50 | ..... | 75 62 | 7 40 | 237 40 | 11 43 |
| Miscellaneous | 24 02 | ..... | 79 53 | ..... | 83 27 | ..... | 27 55 | ..... | 34 42 | 75 | 8 25 | 3 00 | 493 18 | 5 75 |
| Industrial training | 148 12 | 75 30 | 117 26 | 85 55 | 413 45 | 43 22 | 150 25 | 50 18 | 129 71 | 196 61 | 118 50 | 177 93 | 2,000 10 | 994 94 |
| Total disbursements | $1,864 50 | ..... | $2,270 79 | ..... | $3,087 50 | ..... | $1,874 99 | ..... | $1,898 31 | ..... | $1,943 94 | ..... | $28,121 37 | ..... |
| Total receipts | ..... | $152 43 | ..... | $89 25 | ..... | $227 59 | ..... | $55 44 | ..... | $238 28 | ..... | $194 06 | ..... | $2,022 74 |

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| | 1899. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | July. | | August. | | September. | | October. | | November. | | Deeember. | |
| | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. |
| Salaries and wages | $437 84 | ..... | $311 72 | ..... | $690 42 | ..... | $700 02 | ..... | $723 12 | ..... | $815 45 | ..... |
| Food | 285 14 | ..... | 307 80 | $4 44 | 255 48 | ..... | 904 97 | ..... | 482 19 | $3 00 | 454 12 | $1 40 |
| Clothing | 2 30 | ..... | 12 70 | ..... | 76 24 | $2 50 | 163 04 | $0 50 | 257 64 | 9 05 | 125 03 | 90 |
| Laundry expense | 61 65 | ..... | 33 20 | ..... | 92 55 | ..... | 59 00 | ..... | 127 82 | ..... | 60 83 | ..... |
| Heating expense | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 463 39 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... |
| Light | 23 75 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 91 81 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... |
| Medieal supplies | 35 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 45 | ..... | 48 28 | 24 50 | 22 82 | ..... |
| Stationery, printing, etc | 30 93 | ..... | 17 00 | ..... | 22 05 | ..... | 66 81 | ..... | 8 25 | ..... | 35 83 | ..... |
| Amusement and instruction | 6 37 | $2 40 | 20 85 | 35 | 44 40 | 3 25 | 95 34 | 1 00 | 115 74 | ..... | 75 09 | 1 00 |
| Household supplies | 23 04 | ..... | 51 12 | ..... | 144 20 | ..... | 29 76 | ..... | 13 11 | ..... | 10 14 | ..... |
| Furniture and bedding | 28 25 | ..... | 224 06 | ..... | 44 54 | ..... | 200 65 | ..... | 262 41 | 8 00 | 15 05 | 5 15 |
| Improvements and repairs | 621 84 | ..... | 286 18 | ..... | 241 18 | ..... | 244 59 | ..... | 43 53 | ..... | 29 24 | ..... |
| Tools and maehinery | 25 82 | ..... | 30 11 | ..... | 8 72 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Farm, garden, stoek and grounds | 212 39 | 63 53 | 118 80 | 2 15 | 66 05 | 1 40 | 681 92 | 4 54 | 88 84 | 2 00 | 205 62 | 2 92 |
| Freight and transportation | 5 88 | ..... | ..... | 88 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 8 68 | ..... | 50 | ..... |
| Miscellaneous expense | 32 61 | ..... | 156 37 | 75 | 51 29 | ..... | 31 49 | ..... | 32 05 | 94 | 1,611 28 | ..... |
| Industrial training | 414 53 | 220 58 | 102 49 | 135 40 | 127 80 | 33 35 | 1,202 11 | 114 83 | 139 66 | 71 68 | 144 24 | 185 74 |
| Total disbursements | $2,267 69 | ..... | $1,751 15 | ..... | $1,943 67 | ..... | $4,489 90 | ..... | $2,906 52 | ..... | $3,683 99 | ..... |
| Total receipts | ..... | $286 51 | ..... | $143 97 | ..... | $40 50 | ..... | $120 87 | ..... | $119 17 | ..... | $197 11 |

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| | 1900. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | January. | | February. | | March. | | April. | | May. | | June. | | Disbursements. | Receipts. |
| | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | Dr. | Cr. | | |
| Salaries and wages | $718 83 | ..... | $712 73 | ..... | $744 51 | ..... | $707 44 | ..... | $721 41 | ..... | $805 96 | ..... | $8,089 48 | ..... |
| Food | 672 05 | $6 40 | 534 87 | $1 69 | 669 00 | $1 80 | 718 58 | $0 60 | 440 82 | $2 00 | 626 56 | $7 32 | 6,351 58 | $28 65 |
| Clothing | 37 88 | 25 38 | 72 14 | ..... | 174 87 | ..... | 115 38 | ..... | 45 73 | 60 | 90 11 | 5 53 | 1,173 06 | 44 46 |
| Laundry | 146 41 | ..... | 68 11 | ..... | 171 05 | ..... | 85 14 | ..... | 62 00 | ..... | 67 26 | ..... | 1,035 02 | ..... |
| Heating | 548 92 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 694 72 | ..... | 105 49 | ..... | 55 00 | ..... | 107 26 | ..... | 2,304 78 | ..... |
| Light | 107 49 | ..... | 28 70 | ..... | 130 37 | ..... | 81 67 | ..... | 23 75 | ..... | 51 65 | ..... | 633 59 | ..... |
| Medical supplies | 86 57 | ..... | 202 31 | ..... | 112 94 | ..... | 66 35 | ..... | 52 68 | ..... | 93 51 | 3 00 | 717 26 | 27 50 |
| Stationery, printing, etc | 26 27 | ..... | 2 00 | ..... | 14 50 | ..... | 23 50 | ..... | 19 50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 266 64 | ..... |
| Amusement and instruction | 66 19 | ..... | 43 52 | ..... | 46 29 | ..... | 87 52 | ..... | 180 82 | 45 00 | 640 10 | 2 00 | 1,422 23 | 55 00 |
| Household supplies | 29 23 | ..... | 48 26 | ..... | 34 05 | ..... | 30 18 | ..... | 65 33 | ..... | 33 84 | ..... | 512 26 | ..... |
| Furniture and bedding | 136 68 | ..... | 150 52 | ..... | 66 26 | ..... | 1 05 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | 250 70 | ..... | 1,380 17 | 15 15 |
| Improvement and repairs | 74 81 | 1 58 | 42 49 | ..... | 35 79 | ..... | 41 37 | ..... | 135 24 | ..... | 767 47 | ..... | 2,563 73 | 1 58 |
| Tools and machinery | 1 13 | ..... | 60 62 | ..... | 08 | 2 00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 92 | ..... | 144 40 | 2 00 |
| Farm, garden, stock and grounds | 89 28 | 158 19 | 39 03 | 2 32 | 74 30 | 163 93 | 195 54 | 2 82 | 279 33 | ..... | 193 42 | 156 63 | 2,244 52 | 560 43 |
| Freight and transportation | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 27 76 | ..... | 2 89 | ..... | 91 73 | ..... | 137 44 | 88 |
| Miscellaneous expense | 58 06 | 1 50 | 23 80 | 3 75 | 23 05 | ..... | 28 04 | 2 25 | 22 97 | ..... | 28 19 | ..... | 2,029 20 | 9 19 |
| Industrial training | 251 64 | 236 49 | 223 23 | 83 01 | 125 14 | 152 30 | 151 07 | 291 50 | 127 10 | 169 98 | 114 00 | 51 90 | 3,123 01 | 1,746 76 |
| Total disbursements | $3,051 44 | ..... | $2,307 33 | ..... | $3,116 92 | ..... | $2,466 08 | ..... | $2,234 60 | ..... | $3,979 08 | ..... | $34,198 37 | ..... |
| Total receipts | ..... | $429 54 | ..... | $90 77 | ..... | $320 03 | ..... | $299 17 | ..... | $217 58 | ..... | $226 38 | ..... | $2,491 60 |

Kindergarten.

# LIST OF PUPILS.

ENROLLED FROM SEPTEMBER, 1898, TO JUNE, 1900.

| Name of pupil. | Cause of blindness. | County. |
|---|---|---|
| Awe, Lewis | Congenital | Macomb. |
| Allison, Frank | " | Muskegon. |
| Boynton, Eldred | " | St. Clair. |
| Branhan, James | " | Kent. |
| Batcheler, Hubert | " | Wayne. |
| Burrough, Jessie | " | Cass. |
| Bennett, Iva | " | Barry. |
| Conner, Elmer | " | Ogemaw. |
| Cummings, James | " | Charlevoix. |
| Cook, Roy | " | Wayne. |
| Conner, Carrie | " | Ogemaw. |
| Duffy, Ray | " | Jackson. |
| Duffy, May | " | " |
| Decker, Grace | " | Shiawassee. |
| Emert, Gertie | " | Kent. |
| Felton, Pearl | " | Wayne. |
| Goodrich, Frank | " | Tuscola. |
| Goodrich, Clifford | " | " |
| Ganthier, Grace | " | Wayne. |
| Ganthier, Agnes | " | " |
| Hiler, Leslie | " | Ottawa. |
| Halleck, George | " | Genesee. |
| Hurdle, George | " | Ionia. |
| Haun, Edward | " | Houghton. |
| Herzog, Mary | " | Washtenaw. |
| Losch, Arthur | " | Saginaw. |
| Minard, Cecil | " | Sanilac. |
| Moran, Louis | " | Macomb. |
| Minnis, Frances | " | Kent. |
| Persons, Albert | " | Alpena. |
| Peterson, Edgar | " | Lapeer. |
| Petroski, Francis | " | Wayne. |
| Playter, Grace | " | Kent. |
| Roberts, Nevison | " | Eaton. |
| Rodger, Florence | " | Wayne. |
| Reames, Ethel | " | Montcalm. |
| Schlief, John | " | Wayne. |
| Spencer, James | " | Washtenaw. |
| Schultz, Herman | " | Ionia. |
| Schoolcraft, Merle | " | Saginaw. |
| Smith, Beatrice | " | Wayne. |
| Trowbridge, Glynn | " | Shiawassee. |
| Wagar, William | " | Wayne. |
| Wilson, Clara | " | Lapeer. |
| Ahlich, Theodore | Opthalmia neonatorum | Dickinson. |

| Name of pupil. | Cause of blindness. | County. |
|---|---|---|
| Bass, Lucile | Opthalmia neonatorum | Van Buren. |
| Conger, Guy | " " | Mason. |
| Clawson, Kittie | " " | " |
| Devereaux, Bernice | " " | Livingston. |
| Hooker, John | " " | Kent. |
| Knight, Eva | " " | Gladwin. |
| Murch, Wilson | " " | Oakland. |
| Morrison, Wilda | " " | St. Clair. |
| Pittinger, Claude | " " | Montcalm. |
| Stine, Elsie | " " | Saginaw. |
| Vedder, George | " " | Lenawee. |
| Austin, Eva | Unknown | Ottawa. |
| Brandow, Bertha | " | Mecosta. |
| Chase, Lew | " | Clinton. |
| Edmonds, Alma | " | Monroe. |
| Holland, John | " | Genesee. |
| Jeffrey, Walter | " | Dickinson. |
| Kidd, Ralph | " | Ionia. |
| McVey, Henry | " | Kalamazoo. |
| Martin, Grant | " | Genesee. |
| Marowsky, Edward | " | Shiawassee. |
| Orth, Lester | " | Livingston. |
| Owen, Lewis | " | Van Buren. |
| Peggram, William | " | Kent. |
| Palmer, Ella | " | Ingham. |
| Rounds, Carl | " | Saginaw. |
| Sudrow, George | " | Kent. |
| Stevens, Emily | " | Van Buren. |
| Williams, Charles | " | Clare. |
| Williams, Clarence | " | Wayne. |
| Wood, Bertha | " | Kent. |
| Woodard, Ada | " | Shiawassee. |
| Wenger, Mary | " | St. Clair. |
| Waite, Leon | " | Eaton. |
| Broker, Will | Accident | St. Joseph. |
| Crosby, Egbert | " | Montcalm. |
| Crane, Edith | " | Tuscola. |
| Fuller, Earl | " | Shiawassee. |
| Hunter, Edna | " | Calhoun. |
| Kaiser, James | " | Hillsdale. |
| Knox, Roy | " | Branch. |
| Lant, Beatrice | " | Mackinaw. |
| McCrea, Edward | " | Gladwin. |
| Mills, Theresa | " | Allegan. |
| McAllister, John | " | Bay. |
| Rowe, Lottie | " | Lapeer. |
| Reinbold, Reuben | " | Emmet. |
| Soerheide, Henry | " | Ottawa. |
| Skoda, Joseph | " | Wayne. |
| Stewart, Retta | " | St. Clair. |
| Sisson, Bert | " | Lapeer. |
| Thayer, Luella | " | Washtenaw. |
| Van Etten, Chas | " | Ottawa. |
| Bacon, Chas | Cataract | Iosco. |
| Edwards, Elcena | " | Saginaw. |
| Fitch, Roy | " | Tuscola. |
| Horstman, Lewis | " | Berrien. |
| Payne, Ross | " | Clinton. |
| Townsend, Emmet | " | Ionia. |
| Walker, Katherine | " | Lenawee. |
| Willis, Frank | " | Washtenaw. |
| Bradish, Carl | Inflammation | Ionia. |
| Brough, Bertha | " | Ottawa. |
| Whiting, Fred | " | Washtenaw. |
| Alger, Grace | Paralysis optic nerve | Shiawassee. |
| Culman, Mamie | " " " | Grand Traverse. |
| Ferguson, Mabel | " " " | Bay. |

Gymnasium.

| Name of pupil. | Cause of blindness. | County. |
|---|---|---|
| Dester, Maud | Optic atrophy | Berrien. |
| Cowles, Calvin | Measles | St. Clair. |
| Parker, Lulu | " | Ingham. |
| Clink, George | Spinal fever | St. Clair. |
| Fields, Louis | Spinal meningitis | Kent. |
| Peach, Ida | " " | Grand Traverse. |
| Dayton, Bertha | Chicken pox | St. Clair. |
| Jensen, Elsie | Small pox | Mecosta. |
| Eisenmann, Laura | Scarlet fever | Monroe. |
| Eddy, Alfred | " " | Midland. |
| Sanderson, Mabel | " " | Bay. |
| Sparks, Lydia | " " | Montcalm. |
| Donahue, John | Paralysis optic nerve | Ottawa. |
| Glass, Charles | Brain fever | St. Clair. |
| White, Florence | " " | Berrien. |
| Raymond, Iva | " " | Kent. |
| Richardson, Gertie | Congestion of brain | Oakland. |
| Preston, Nettie | Paralysis | Newaygo. |
| Schraft, Fred. | Retinitis and choriditis | Ingham. |
| Trepanier, Alderick | Severe illness | Dickinson. |
| Thompson, Riley | Rheumatism | Kent. |
| Kilburn, Charles | Measles | Mecosta. |
| Wenger, Clara | La Grippe | St. Clair. |
| Yager, Lester | " " | Midland. |
| Wolfle, Carrie | Severe illness | Jackson. |
| Stillwell, Emma | Serofula | Calhoun. |

# SUMMARY OF INVENTORY.

TAKEN JUNE 30, 1900.

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| Lands and buildings | $114,550 60 |
| Heating, lighting and water apparatus | 11,010 00 |
| Tools—engine house | 87 13 |
| Laundry | 212 55 |
| Office furniture, books and stationery | 304 60 |
| Musical instruments, music, etc | 3,652 60 |
| Library and apparatus | 4,054 75 |
| Industrial training—sewing | 206 45 |
| " " —brooms | 2,241 90 |
| " " —cooking | 80 22 |
| " " —hammock | 117 87 |
| Bedding, towels, linen, etc | 976 94 |
| Hospital furniture and bedding | 382 83 |
| Dispensary | 102 68 |
| School furniture | 2,100 58 |
| Gymnasium apparatus | 161 95 |
| Cottage furniture | 673 80 |
| General furniture | 4,831 32 |
| Dining room furniture | 303 05 |
| Kitchen, store room, bake room furniture | 514 56 |
| Groceries | 330 07 |
| Implements and tools | 179 50 |
| Wagons, carriages, stock, etc | 738 57 |
| Live stock | 592 00 |
| Miscellaneous property | 106 00 |
| Fuel | 235 50 |
| | $148,747 42 |

# GENERAL INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

The State of Michigan has made provision for the education of all her children.

The citizens of the State take a commendable pride in the public school system of the commonwealth, as well as in the higher institutions of learning.

The district school, high school, Normal School, Agricultural College and University open their doors to children and youth possessed of all their faculties. Young people destitute of sight find these institutions, in the main, not available for them. But the blind have not been forgotten by the State. Provision has been made for their education.

Article XIII, Sec. 10, of the Constitution of Michigan declares: "Institutions, for the benefit of those inhabitants who are deaf, dumb, blind or insane, shall always be fostered and supported."

In accordance with this constitutional provision a school for the education of the blind children of the State has been located in the city of Lansing, the State capital.

The object of the management of the school is, to fit the blind boys and girls of the State for honorable, useful citizenship. For this reason an effort is made to lay the foundations of a sound moral character in all the pupils, as the prime requisite of good citizenship.

Physical health, intelligence, and ability to contribute to one's own selfsupport are ranked as next in importance.

The sanitary condition of the buildings and premises are matters of constant study and watchfulness.

The services of a competent physician and trained nurse are employed to guard and maintain the health of all.

The school is provided with well appointed and comfortable hospitals for any who may be sick. In case of contagious diseases patients are isolated from other pupils and the arrangements are so efficient that in no case has contagion spread from the hospitals to the general family.

Regular and systematic physical exercise, under the direction of competent teachers, in the open air, or gymnasium, forms a part of the regular program.

The course of study embraces all the English branches taught in the ordinary primary, grammar and high school course.

Teachers of experience and ability are employed. In the department of music excellent facilities for voice culture are afforded. Large num-

bers of pupils are given instruction on the piano and several other string and wind instruments. Teachers of marked skill and capability only instruct in this department.

The school supports a good choir and orchestra. A few pupils become skilled players on the pipe organ.

In the department of handicraft the boys are taught broom, hammock and net making, and those possessed of sufficient musical and mechanical skill learn to tune and repair pianos. Several boys are employed in printing and book-making for the school.

The girls learn to cook, knit, crochet and sew, both by hand and on the machine.

All the pupils are encouraged to learn to use the typewriter and many become very competent operators of that instrument.

All pupils board and have their home at the school during the academic year.

Board with furnished rooms, warmed and ventilated, washing, medical attendance, including medicine and nursing when sick, are free to all pupils resident of the State. The buildings are large, well lighted and warmed by steam.

All the expense any parents are asked to incur for their children while at school is, to pay their fare to and from the institution and to furnish sufficient and suitable clothing. If parents are unable to do this the State will assist those making application to their county poor officers.

It is the constant effort of the management to make this school a comfortable and happy home for all connected with it; a place where kindness, courtesy, culture and intelligence abound and control, to which children from any portion of the State may be entrusted with entire safety.

### CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION TO THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

1. Insufficient vision to attend the public schools.
2. Ability to receive intellectual, physical and moral training.
3. Freedom from communicable diseases.
4. Willingness to abide by, and conform to, all rules and regulations necessary in a well-ordered home school.
5. Good moral character.

The Board of Control prefer to receive pupils at six or seven years of age rather than when older, provided the applicant possesses good intellectual ability, is sound physically, and is reasonably independent and self-helpful.

The legal period for which pupils are admitted is twelve years, but the Board of Control may extend the time two years when sufficient reason exists for so doing.

It should be remembered that this is a school for the moral, intellectual and physical training and development of blind boys and girls of school age, and not an asylum, hospital or infirmary, for the treatment or cure of blindness or defective vision; neither is it a retreat for the infirm and helpless blind of any age.

Any person wishing to make application for admission to this school may address the Superintendent of the School for the Blind, Lansing, Michigan.

Cooking Room.

# AMERICAN BRAILLE ALPHABET

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

To capitalize prefix sign

, ; : . ? ! — ( ) ’ -

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

All characters are formed from different combinations of dots in the full cell.

# BOOKS PRINTED IN THE AMERICAN BRAILLE SYSTEM.

(EMBOSSED AT THE MICHIGAN SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND, 1894—1899.)

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TEXT-BOOKS.

Arithmetic by Grades; a collection of easy exercises in written arithmetic. J. T. Prince (abridged). Books III, IV and V.

A Grammar School Arithmetic, G. A. Wentworth, 3 vols.

Answers to Wentworth's Grammar School Arithmetic.

A School Algebra, G. A. Wentworth, 3 vols.

Answers to Wentworth's School Algebra.

The Children's Second Reader, Ellen M. Cyr.

The Children's Third Reader, Ellen M. Cyr, 2 vols.

The Children's Fourth Reader, Ellen M. Cyr, 3 vols.

Selections from Harper's Fifth Reader (American Authors).

King's Geographical Reader, Book I, Chas. F. King.

King's Geographical Reader, Book II, Chas. F. King, 2 vols.

American History Stories, Mara L. Pratt, M. D., 4 vols.

Spelling Exercises; Michigan's Eight Hundred Words and a list of Homonyms with illustrative sentences.

New Word Analysis; or School Etymology of English Derivative Words, Wm. Swinton, 2 vols.

Elementary Lessons in English, compiled from Mrs. Knox-Heath's "The Parts of Speech and How to Use Them," 2 vols.

Advanced Lessons in English Grammar, Wm. H. Maxwell, 3 vols.

Outlines of Rhetoric, J. F. Genung, 3 vols.

Moral Science, or the Philosophy of Obligation (Revised Edition), James H. Fairchild, 3 vols.

Constitution of the State of Michigan, W. Gardner.

General History, Meyers, 9 vols.

The Human Body, Martin, 3 vols.

American Manual Parliamentary Law, Fish, 1 vol.

Grammar School Geography, Werner, 3 vols.

Physical Geography, Davis, 3 vols.

Elements of Physics, Carhart & Chute.

Elementary Psychology, Putnam.

Chemistry Shorter Course, Remsen.

### MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATIONS.

A Practical and Economical Cook Book. B. Kate Wright, Teacher of Cooking, Michigan School for the Blind.

Michigan; a History of Governments, Thos. M. Cooley, 3 vols.

George Washington and Historical Biography, Horace E. Scudder, 2 vols.

Brave Little Holland and What She Taught Us, Wm. E. Griffis, 2 vols.

The Conquest of Mexico, Wm. H. Prescott (abridged). With Biography Notes, etc., 2 vols.

Java, the Pearl of the East, S. J. Higginson, 2 vols.

Japan in History, Folk-Lore and Art, Wm. E. Griffis, 2 vols.

Selections for Declamation; vol. I Patriotic; vol. II Miscellaneous.

The Hayne-Webster Debate and other Specimens of American Oratory.

The Tent on the Beach, Stanzas for the Times and other Poems, J. G. Whittier.

Selections from the Poetical Works of James Russell Lowell.

Constitution of the Mutual Improvement League.

### MUSICAL PUBLICATIONS.

Hymn Book; a Collection of Standard Hymns. Words and music.

A Collection of Standard Modern Violin Music with Piano Accompaniments, Julius Eichberg.

Grand Polonaise, op. 271, A. Dekouski.

Tarantelle, op. 92, Gustav Merkel.

Saltarelle, op. 266, E. Ketterer.

Cachucha (Caprice), J. Raff.

Marche De Nuit, L. M. Gottschalk.

Tarantelle, op. 85, No. 2, Stephen Heller.

Rondo Capriccioso, F. Mendelssohn.

Saltarello, op. 31, A. C. Blakeslee.

The Fleecy Clouds, op. 33, No. 20. Mendelssohn's Songs without Words.

Twelve Preludes, J. S. Bach.

Farewell to the Piano, Beethoven.

Eureka Mazurka, Franz Hitz.

Pavane, Herbert F. Sharpe.

Communion in G. (for the Pipe Organ), op. 4, No. 1, E. Batiste.

Andante in F. (for the Pipe Organ), Lefebure Wely.

Lessons in Musical History, Fillmore, 3 vols.

Standard Course of Graded Studies, Book I, Mathews.

Crystal Fountain Waltz, Blakeslee.

Die Lorolei, E. B. Perry.

Fifty Lessons for the Medium Part of the Voice, J. Concone.

Snow Flakes, F. W. Cowen.

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